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In re U.S. Patent Application of

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
SET FORTH IN OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant of the above-identified application submits this reply to the restriction requirement set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003. The Examiner has set forth a shortened statutory period for reply of one month set to expire on October 8, 2003. Since this reply has been timely filed, no extension of time and payment of associated fee are necessary.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has placed a restriction requirement on pending claims 1-20. The Examiner contends that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species represented by the embodiments depicted in FIGS. 1 and 3, respectively. The Examiner has not specifically identified claims that the Examiner believes are directed to a particular species.

Upon careful review of the pending claims, the Applicant has identified the following groups of claims: